lamp guard ensuring the two longer legs engage the holes in the light box, and secure with the retaining screw. Refit the plug and switch on.

Going Away

If you're going away for any length of time and don't want to leave your fridge on, switch off and pull out the mains plug, remove all food, defrost the frozen food compartment and clean out the inside using a solution of bicarbonate of soda as above. Leave the door ajar to prevent the accumulation of odours inside.

WHAT TO DO IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG

Before you call the Serviceman

If it seems that your fridge is not working properly, please check through the following list before asking for a Serviceman to call.

1. Check the plug is firmly in the wall socket and the power supply is working by plugging in another appliance.
2. Check that the fuse in the plug is intact.
3. If you have changed the plug, check that the wires in the mains lead are correctly connected in the plug — See section on "Electrical Requirements".
4. If your fridge vibrates excessively or is noisy check that you have adjusted the two front feet so that they are in firm contact with the floor.
5. Should the interior light fail to work, **switch off and remove the mains plug** and then ensure that the bulb is screwed securely into the bulb holder. If the light still fails to work, refer to the section "How to replace the interior light" for further instructions.

If after following these instructions your fridge still won't work properly call your nearest Hotpoint Service Office or local importer (outside United Kingdom only). The telephone number is shown in the guarantee leaflet: please note the number here now:

1. When you contact us, we will want to know your name, address, telephone number and details of the fault.
2. We will want to know the model number (82130, 8250, 8252) and when the appliance was purchased. Please put the date here:

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Fridges – Models 82130, 8250 & 8252

Please read right through this leaflet **before** using your fridge for the first time.

ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

Your fridge is already fitted with a plug incorporating a 13A fuse. If it does not fit your socket the plug should be cut off from the mains lead and an appropriate plug fitted. Throw away the cut off plug; do **not** insert it in a 13A socket elsewhere in the house as this could cause a shock hazard.

WARNING — THIS APPLIANCE MUST BE EARTHED.

IMPORTANT

The wires in the mains lead are coloured in accordance with the following code: Green and Yellow — Earth; Blue — Neutral; Brown — Live.

If you fit your own plug, the colours of the wires in the mains lead of your fridge may not correspond with the markings identifying the terminals in your plug; this is what you have to do:

Connect the green and yellow (earth) wire to the terminal in the plug which is marked with the letter "E" or the symbol (⏚), or coloured green or green and yellow.

Connect the blue (neutral) wire to the terminal in the plug which is marked with the letter "N" or coloured black.

Connect the brown (live) wire to the terminal which is marked with the letter "L" or coloured red.

With alternative plugs a 5A fuse must be fitted either in the plug or adaptor or in the main fuse box. In the event of replacing a fuse in the plug supplied a 13A ASTA approved fuse to BS 1362 must be fitted.

If the plug is the moulded on type the fuse cover must be refitted when changing the fuse. In the event of losing the fuse cover, the plug must **not** be used until a replacement fuse cover has been obtained and fitted. A new fuse cover can be obtained from your nearest Hotpoint Service Office or local Electricity Board. The colour of the correct replacement fuse cover is that of the coloured marks or insert in the base of the plug.

WARNING — Avoid accidents to children. When discarding an old fridge or freezer be certain to make the lock unusable.

WHERE TO PUT YOUR FRIDGE

Avoid putting your fridge next to anything like a radiator or cooker which gives off heat. If you must it is important to leave an air gap of at least 10mm (half an inch), but remember it will cost you more to run. Do put it where it is easy to use; a good place is alongside or beneath a work surface where food can be placed.

Make sure there is at least 20mm (¾in) between the top of the fridge and the underside of any work surface. If this clearance cannot be achieved ventilation will have to be provided through the work surface. Also ensure that there is a gap of at least 50mm (2in) between the back of the table top and the wall. **This can be done by fitting the two spacers supplied to the top of the black condenser (at the back of the refrigerator).** This will ensure that air can circulate around the rear of the fridge.

Your fridge MUST also be levelled by adjusting the two feet at the front, so that both are in firm contact with the floor. A Wheel Kit (Part No. 282268) is available from your local Hotpoint Service Office for fitting to the back of your fridge.

Note: You should not stack your fridge with any other fridge or freezer. Should you wish to install your fridge next to a freezer either leave a gap of at least 10mm (half an inch) between them, or if this is not possible seal any gap completely using a seal kit available from your local Hotpoint Service Office (Part No. 261168).

Before you put in any food

Before using your fridge for the first time clean the interior — see section "Cleaning your fridge". Make sure your fridge is thoroughly dry before you start to put anything in it.

THE CONTROLS

Starting

Insert the plug into the wall socket and switch on the supply. Your fridge has a control dial on the right-hand side of the interior of the cabinet and by turning the dial from the '**O**' (off) position the fridge will start to operate.

Running in

The compressor is a precision piece of machinery which, like a car engine, requires a certain running-in period. During this period, which will be 1-2 months, the compressor works a little harder and as a result may make rather more noise than it would normally; don't worry it will soon settle down.

CONTROLLING THE TEMPERATURE

Frozen food compartment

The frozen food control dial is marked '**O**' (off), and then **min** to **9.**

What setting you choose will depend on how long you want to store frozen food.

With the control on setting 2, you get an approximate one star [*] performance (temperature -6°C (21°F) or colder). This setting should only be used if you are storing frozen food for less than 1 week.

With the control on setting 5, the frozen food compartment gives a two star [**] performance (temperature — 12°C (10°F) or colder). You can store frozen food for up to 1 month depending on the type of food. **This is the setting that will probably suit most people's requirements.**

Note: Settings above 7 will only be required to obtain [**] performance in very warm kitchens.

Fridge Compartment

The temperature of your fridge compartment changes when you alter the temperature of the frozen food compartment. The location of the fridge, kitchen temperature and how often you open the door will affect your fridge compartment temperature. The two flaps at the rear of the chiller tray allow you to control the amount of cold air that flows into the fridge compartment from around the frozen food compartment. Pull out the chiller tray and adjust the flaps to suit your particular conditions as indicated in the table.

Recommended flap positions:

Control setting	Approx. star rating	Kitchen temperature		
		Cool	Average	Warm
2	[*]	1 open 1 closed	1 open 1 closed	Both open
5	[**]	Both closed	Both closed	1 open 1 closed

Fridge compartment too warm — If you require a slightly colder fridge compartment, open one or both chiller tray flaps. If the fridge compartment is still too warm with both flaps open, turn the frozen food control dial to a colder setting (higher number).

Fridge compartment too cold — If you require a slightly warmer fridge compartment close one or both chiller tray flaps.

If the fridge compartment is still too cold with both flaps closed, turn the frozen food control dial to a warmer setting (lower number).

Note: In the Summer months, or in conditions giving high temperatures around the fridge, the compressor has to work harder and run for longer periods. This is quite normal. Conversely, during cold weather, the compressor will run for much shorter periods.

STORING FOOD

Storing food in your fridge compartment

You can store most foods in the fridge compartment. Fish, sausages, liver etc., can be stored in the chiller tray. Recommended storage times are given in the table opposite.

All foods should be wrapped or covered to prevent drying out and flavour transference. Use plastic bags and containers, jars with lids, foil and plastic wrap. Never put hot or warm food into the fridge compartment as this will reduce the operating efficiency.

Recommended storage times

The length of time you can keep food in the fridge compartment varies according to the type of food, and is dependent on its being fresh when it is put into the fridge. For

CARING FOR YOUR FRIDGE

Defrosting

Why and when

Frost builds up more quickly if you put warm food into your fridge or leave the door open. A build-up of frost reduces your fridge's efficiency and can interfere with the closing of the frozen food compartment door possibly damaging it, which is why, you **must** defrost regularly. We recommend once a week, but you will soon find out what suits you best.

Never try to chip the frost away or you may damage the refrigerating surfaces of your frozen food compartment.

How

Defrosting should be done as quickly as possible, particularly if you have food in the frozen food compartment, in order to minimise the rise in the temperature of the food which might reduce recommended storage times. Wrap any frozen food in several layers of newspaper and put it in the fridge compartment, or a cool place. Take out the ice tray. Transfer any food from the chiller tray to the fridge compartment. Ensure the flaps at the rear of the chiller tray are closed and turn the frozen food control to '**O**' (off). Put a bowl of very hot water into the frozen food compartment. When defrosting is complete, **empty the chiller tray** and wipe it and the frozen food compartment dry. Reset the chiller tray flaps and the frozen food control, replace the food and refill the ice tray.

Note: If you forget to empty the chiller tray the water in it will freeze. If this happens take out the tray and flex it **slightly** to loosen the ice.

Cleaning your fridge.

It's a good idea to clean the inside of your fridge after defrosting, but first switch off and pull the mains plug out of the socket. Just wipe out the fridge compartment and its fittings with a clean cloth wrung out in a solution of one teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda in one pint of water. Never use a detergent, any household cleaner, abrasive powder or wax polish as these will damage the surfaces and leave a smell inside the compartment.

Clean the outside, but not the door seal by wiping down with a damp cloth using a small amount of detergent, followed by wiping down with a clean cloth. Don't use an abrasive powder here either. **Under no circumstances should detergent be used to clean the rubber door seal,** instead use soap and water.

The compressor and condenser at the back of your fridge should be cleaned at the same time, using a brush or vacuum cleaner to remove the accumulated dust.

Ensure your fridge is disconnected from the mains when you do this. Remember to reconnect the mains plug when you've finished cleaning your fridge.

How to replace the interior light

Should the light fail to work, **switch off and pull out the mains plug,** then ensure the bulb is screwed securely into the bulb holder. Refit the plug and switch on.

If the light still fails to work, switch off and pull out the mains plug, and replace the bulb by first unscrewing the lamp guard retaining screw one complete turn using a Posidriv (cross-point) screwdriver. Unclip and remove the lamp guard. Unscrew the bulb and replace with one of a similar type, (S.E.S. 15 watts maximum). Replace the

best results don't exceed the approximate times given below.

		Days
Raw fresh meat	Joints, steaks, chops	3-5
	offal (liver, kidney etc.) minced meat, sausages	2
Cooked meat	including made-up dishes and left-overs	2-3
Poultry	fresh whole (store giblets separately)	2-3
	giblets	2
	cooked	2-3
Fish	raw	1-2
	cooked	2-3
Bacon		7-10
Milk, cream, salad; vegetables		3-4

		Weeks
Butter, margarine and cooking fat		3-4
Cheese	hard	3-4
	cream	1
Eggs		2

Storing food in your frozen food compartment

You can store up to 3.7kg (8lb) in your frozen food compartment. Storage times will depend on the setting you use and the type of food you are storing. For best results always store frozen food in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. On some packs, you will find star markings that match those on the door of the frozen food compartment. Wrap frozen food in newspaper when you buy it and get it home and stored as soon as possible.

If you are using frozen food control dial setting 5, [**], the frozen food compartment will be below -12°C (10°F), and you can store frozen food for the following approximate maximum periods:

Sensitive fruits (e.g. strawberries) ..... 2 weeks
Fruits, pastries, dairy (e.g. cream) ..... 3 weeks
Vegetables, lean meat, ice lollies ..... 4 weeks

The exact period will vary with the nature of the food.

If you are using setting 2, the frozen food compartment will be approximately [*] -6°C (21°F). Frozen food should only be stored for up to 1 week on this setting.